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1. Consideration of Italian claims in North Africa urged--
Italian Foreign Minister Sforza has told US Ambassador Dunn that he has not yet decided whether to resign over the African colonies issue. Sforza declared his resignation will be forced, however, if it becomes apparent to the Italian public that the US and UK have no regard for Italy's desire to participate in North Africa. Sforza indicated that following recent unsuccessful conversations with the British he has begun to suspect the UK of wanting to exclude Italy from North Africa. Dunn expressed his conviction that the US would be gravely mistaken in supporting a solution for Eritrea and Tripolitania that excluded Italy. He suggests that the Department of State publicly declare that some arrangement should be made whereby the Italian people can continue to play a role in the development of North Africa.

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